

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 11/2/87

Full name Garv L. Radloff

(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City East Dubuque State Illinois ZIP Code 61025

Date of Birth 12/05/47 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality American Citizen

Occupation Janitor

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Weight 165 Height 6'1" Race Caucasion

Color of hair brown/gray Color of eyes blue

Outstanding characteristics or interests \_\_\_\_\_

Married or single Single Children \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting connections:

Unit No.	City	State	Position
14	East Dubuque	Illinois	SM

\* Could not find registration application in history file. Did find his name on an overflow sheet registering him as MC for 1982. History file indicates Gary Radloff became S  
→ Date registered \_\_\_\_\_ Date ~~registered~~ resigned in 1983  
Suspended \_\_\_\_\_  
10/24/87

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: accusation of homosexual activity

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

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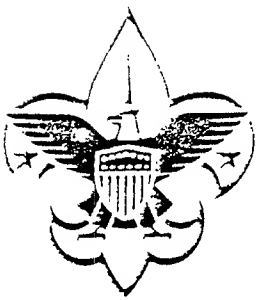
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Steven H. Rankin

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Northeast Iowa Council

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.

AREA 4 - NORTH CENTRAL REGION

[REDACTED] - Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0732  
[REDACTED]

August 19, 1988

National Council, B.S.A.  
% Mr. Paul Ernst/Registration Service  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul,

Enclosed is a clipping from the Dubuque Telegraph Herald  
pertaining to the sentencing of Gary Radloff for sexual  
child abuse.

I will keep you informed of any new developments.

Sincerely,

Steve Rankin  
Scout Executive

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*Linkage to 10-10-88*

# Four years for former scout leader

GALENA, Ill. — Former East Dubuque scoutmaster Gary Radloff will serve a four-year sentence for sexually abusing two teenage boys on a scout camping trip.

Circuit Judge John Rapp, Jr., sentenced Radloff Monday afternoon to four years each for two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and one year each for two counts of criminal sexual abuse. Rapp ordered Radloff to serve the terms concurrently, thus the total sentence is four years.

Rapp set Radloff's appeal bond at \$75,000 and referred him to the Illinois Department of Corrections for imprisonment.

Rapp denied a motion for a new trial Monday by Radloff's attorney, William Kelly. Kelly argued that there was insufficient evidence for Radloff's conviction.

Radloff, 40, faced up to seven years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

A Jo Daviess County Circuit Court jury found Radloff guilty June 23 after a two-day trial.

Radloff performed oral sex on two East Dubuque boys, then 12 and 13, on a blanket during a Boy Scout camping trip in June 1986, Scoutmaster in October when Jo Daviess County State's Attorney Christopher Moore said during closing arguments.

The two boys testified against Radloff.

Radloff was scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 14 in East Dubuque for four years. He was suspended as scoutmaster in October when scouting officials became aware of the investigation.

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Friday, June 24, 1988

# Tri-state scene

## Radloff guilty of sexual abuse

by Daniel Seiter  
The Telegraph Herald

GALENA, Ill. — Former East Dubuque scoutmaster Gary Radloff was found guilty Thursday of sexually abusing two teenage boys on a 1986 camping trip.

A seven-man, five-woman jury deliberated three hours before returning its verdict in Jo Daviess County Circuit Court.

Radloff, 40, was convicted of two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and two more of criminal sexual abuse. He could receive up to seven



Radloff

years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine at his July 27 sentencing.

Radloff performed oral sex on two East Dubuque boys, then 12 and 13, on a blanket during a Boy Scout camping trip in June 1986, Jo Daviess County State's Attorney Christopher Moore said during closing arguments Thursday.

The two boys testified against Radloff at the two-day trial. Moore said each boy saw Radloff performing the act on the other, "and you can't get more corroboration than that."

The boys played cards in the county superintendent's office while the jury deliberated down the hall in the courthouse Thursday afternoon.

Defense attorney William Kelly of Galena contended in his closing statement that the boys had continued to see Radloff and go on camping trips

with him after the incidents, and didn't bother reporting him until more than a year afterward.

"They didn't hate him enough to stop seeing him," Kelly said.

Moore countered, "Have you ever heard the phrase, 'paralyzed by fear'?"

As for the delay in reporting the incidents, Moore said a boy would be reluctant to discuss "homosexual experiences at a time when he doesn't know what the devil his sexual identity is."

Moore said the boys had difficulty "dealing with events that are intrinsically shameful."

Moore said Kelly tried to convince the jury that Radloff is "a regular guy, just like you and me."

Kelly had told the jury, "This is what the danger is — any of us could be ac-

cused," citing as an example parents who take their baby sitters home alone.

Radloff, a Dubuque native, is a former maintenance worker and bus driver for the Hillman House retirement home in East Dubuque. He was fired after being charged in November.

Radloff was scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 14 in East Dubuque for four years. He was released Oct. 24 after authorities informed scout leaders of the investigation.

The mother of one of the boys said the family filed charges because "we were so hurt that we had trusted him. We couldn't take a chance of him doing it to my younger son. He's 12. There are too many boys coming up to that age. And since no one else would come forward..."

His father said, "It had to be stopped."

Dear Paul —

Newsclipping regarding the Radloff case — For your file!

Steve Rabinowitz learned #178  
Paul Foxworth Iowa  
Northwest Tower  
Dubuque



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Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0732

Jan 8, 1988

Paul,

Attached is an addition  
to the chronological  
narrative I've been keeping  
on the Radloff situation.

I've received a bill  
for psychological counseling  
provided Jan [redacted]

How do I go about handling  
to payment of this bill?

[redacted] Sincerely,

1746 Jan Rankin  
1-17-88 Jan Executive

Tuesday, December 29th at 10:30 P.M. - - - Returned Lynn Milroy's (troop committee chairman) phone call. She informed me that [redacted] (Gary's [redacted]) called "demanding" that Lynn provide her (Mrs. Radloff) with the troop's advancement record book. I instructed Lynn to not turn over any of the troop's records to any member of the Radloff family. I informed her that any request for scouting records needs to be made by Gary Radloff's attorney by way of contact through the Scout office.

Thursday, December 31 at approximately 10:00 A.M. - - - Gary Radloff called requesting that I arrange to provide him with Troop 14's Advancement record book. He said there was something in it which would help to determine his innocence. I informed Radloff that I needed to talk to our council attorney before anything was done.

Thursday, December 31 at approximately 4:30 P.M. - - - Mike Cougle, our council attorney returned my call. After learning of Radloff's request, Mike instructed me to not provide Radloff with any troop records. He said any request for troop records must be made through Radloff's attorney. If a request is made by his attorney, we would allow an examination of the records.

at the Scout Office or at Mike's office.  
Original copies of any troop records would  
not be released except by a court request

Saturday, January 2 at approximately 12:30 P.M. ---  
I called Gary Redloff to inform him of our position  
regarding his request for the troop advancement  
record book. Redloff ended the conversation  
very abruptly indicating that he was not  
sure he should be communicating with me.



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Addition to  
chronological  
narrative  
J. Rankin

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Wednesday, December 9 at approximately 2:15 P.M. ----

I received a call from [REDACTED] informing me that her son [REDACTED] was sexually molested by Gary Rabloff and needed professional counseling. I told [REDACTED] I would make arrangements and would get back to her by the end of the week.

Thursday, December 10 at approximately 9:30 P.M. ---

I called Dr. Doug McCollum and arranged counseling for [REDACTED]

Thursday, December 10 at approximately 9:45 P.M. --

I called [REDACTED] and gave her Dr. Doug McCollum's phone number so that an appointment could be arranged to provide counseling for [REDACTED]

Thursday, Dec 10th --- wrote the attached letter to Dr. Doug McCollum clarifying our position regarding professional counseling for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]





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[REDACTED] - Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0732  
[REDACTED]

December 10, 1987

Dr. Doug McCollum  
Medical Associates  
[REDACTED]

Dubuque, IA 52001

Dear Dr. McCollum,

Thank you for assisting the Boy Scouts by agreeing to counsel [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Obviously, this is a very delicate matter and total confidentiality as it relates to the individuals involved is very necessary.

The Northeast Iowa Council will financially assist the families for professional counseling in the amount of \$100.00 per counseling session, one session per week for a period of three months. Our resources are limited however and we certainly would be receptive to paying less than the maximum described. Please send itemized billings to the letterhead address to my attention marked personal and confidential.

Again, thank you for working with the Scouts in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Steven H. Rankin*

Steven H. Rankin  
Scout Executive

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## Radloff pleads innocent

GALENA, Ill. — A former East Dubuque, Ill., Boy Scout leader has pleaded innocent to four counts of sexual abuse in connection with the abuse of four youths during a 20-year period.

Gary Radloff, 39, of East Dubuque, Ill., pleaded innocent Monday afternoon to two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and two counts of criminal sexual abuse at his arraignment before Circuit Judge Harold Negel.

Radloff, who was suspended from his post as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 14 in East Dubuque in October,

is free on bond pending a Feb. 8 court appearance.

Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department detective David Roling said Radloff sexually abused a 14-year-old boy and a 15-year-old boy on a camping trip in June 1986. Radloff sexually abused two other young men in the early 1970s, Roling added.

"What we have heard here today is that we have proof of a 20-year-old pattern of abusing young boys," State's Attorney Chris Moore said at Radloff's previous court appearance.



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Paul -

Continuation of  
Chronological Narrative

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Tuesday, November 24 at Approximately 9:00 P.M. ---

I talked with [REDACTED] about counseling for her [REDACTED]. She informed that [REDACTED] indicated he has been molested by Radloff but that he doesn't wish to discuss it with anyone close to him. [REDACTED] said she didn't discuss the possibility of counseling with [REDACTED] and mother. She said she would before final arrangements are made for counseling. I informed [REDACTED] that the Scouts would pay a maximum of \$100.00 per counseling session, one per week for three months. We agreed that I would make some contacts to find the best doctor for this type of situation. I informed [REDACTED] that all arrangements would remain confidential. [REDACTED] gave me her work number so that it would be easier for me to make contact with her.

Saturday, November 28 at approximately 11:30 A.M. ---

[REDACTED] called to inform me that the troop 14 is having difficulty getting the troop's equipment from Gary Radloff. Apparently Radloff has been instructed to not communicate with any members of the Scouts. According to [REDACTED] it appears as though he is using this as an excuse to not turn over the equipment. [REDACTED] feels Radloff may be keeping the channels of communication open with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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I suggested that Lynn attempt to get the equipment one more time by working through [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. I told

her to call me on Monday if she doesn't have any success and that I would make arrangements through our legal counsel to get the equipment.

Monday, November 30 at approximately 9:30 AM ---

I communicated with Mike Lyle, Council Attorney regarding the problem the troop was having securing the equipment from Radloff. We unsuccessfully attempted to get Jeff Tranel (Radloff's former attorney) on the phone with us. Mike suggested that I continue trying to make contact with Tranel.

Monday, November 30 at approximately 10:00 AM ---

Made contact with Tranel and found out that he no longer is Radloff's attorney. Jeff gave me the name and phone number of Lou Francomb, Radloff's new attorney.

Monday, November 30 at approximately 11:00 AM ---

Made contact with Lou Francomb and made him aware of the equipment problem. He said he would contact Radloff and make arrangements to transfer the equipment.

Monday, November 30 at approximately 11:30 AM ---

Lou Francomb called to inform me that Radloff dropped all the troop equipment off in [REDACTED] yard this morning.

Monday, November 30 at approximately 1:30 PM ---  
Received a call from [REDACTED] informing  
me that he now had control of the troop  
equipment.

Monday, November 30 at approximately 2:00 PM ---  
Called [REDACTED] to let her know that  
arrangements were made through Dr Douglas  
McCollum to have counseling for her son [REDACTED].  
I gave her Dr McCollum's phone number so  
that she could schedule the first appointment.  
The limitations regarding [REDACTED] support  
for counseling provided by the [REDACTED] was reviewed  
with her. At the special meeting we  
held in E Dubuque for parents, Scouts and  
Committee members, [REDACTED] expressed some  
support of Gary Radloff by reminding those  
in attendance that he is innocent until proven  
guilty of which everyone agreed. I wondered about her support  
of Radloff so I asked her when [REDACTED] told her he  
had been molested. She said she found out  
after the meeting on the same evening.

December 4, 1987

Mr. Steven H. Rankin  
Scout Executive  
Northeast Iowa Council, No. 178

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Gary L. Radloff

Dear Steve:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. -  
This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent  
Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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[REDACTED]

Nov 24, 1987

Paul

Enclosed you will find  
Additions to the  
chronological narrative  
I've been keeping

Thanks

Gene

Happy Thanksgiving!

Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30 PM - - -

[redacted] and myself met with the Scouts, parents and committee of Troop 14.

A total of 17 Scouts and 12 adults were in attendance not including the 3 council personnel.

Attached is the agenda which was followed at the meeting. The attitude of those at the meeting was very positive with most of the discussion dealing with how we (all present) could help to make the troop stronger. Concern was expressed over whether all Troop Funds were accounted for. Lynn Milroy, Committee Chairman now has control of the Troop Funds and feels the books are accurate with all Funds accounted for. Boy Scout, [redacted] made an accusation that former Scoutmaster Steve Williams misappropriated Troop Funds. [redacted]

[redacted] is an Assistant Patrol Leader. He was the Scout concern was expressed about earlier in this narrative. At the conclusion of the meeting many parents came forward to thank us for the support we offered.

Thursday, November 19th at 8:15 AM - - -

I found a note on my desk written by District Executive, Merlin Behrke. The note

indicated that [REDACTED], a parent of one of the Scouts called Wednesday evening at 9:50 P.M. indicating a desire to have counseling for her son. The note said she would call again tomorrow (Thursday)

Friday, November 20th at 11:35 A.M. ---  
I looked through the E. Dubuque phone book to find the phone number of [REDACTED] since she did not call on Thursday as indicated in the note I received. I was able to make contact with [REDACTED] sister-in-law who informed me that [REDACTED] had an unlisted number. She wouldn't give me the number but said she would arrange for [REDACTED] to call me. I gave her my home phone number.

Friday, November 20th at 9:00 P.M. ---  
[REDACTED] sister-in-law called and gave me [REDACTED] unlisted phone number

Saturday, November 21 --- Three times during the day I attempted to make contact with [REDACTED] but was not successful.

Sunday, November 22 --- Two times during the day I attempted to make contact with [REDACTED] but was not successful.

SPECIAL MEETING - TROOP 14

NOVEMBER 18, 1987

S. Rankin

Introductions

Purpose for being here:

- Make you aware of Scouting's position regarding the current situation.
- Answer any questions you may have.
- Offer our help to you because we care.

N. Kirch . . . Background Information:

1. NEIC was notified of an investigation being made of Gary Radloff by law enforcement authorities due to an accusation of sexual child abuse made against him.
- 2.. The council immediately suspended Radloff's Scouting membership and removed him as Scoutmaster. If Gary were to approach you, have nothing to do with him. Unless he is proved innocent, he will never be involved in Scouting again.
3. IMPORTANT . . . Radloff has not been convicted of a crime at this time. Evidence however, indicates that he may be convicted in the future. We personally have no first hand knowledge to indicate guilt.
4. Our number one concern is the safety and welfare of your children and our Scouts. That is why we immediately removed Gary from the troop. It is also the reason we are here . . . to help in any way we can.

A. Chidley . . . BSA Concern

- Sexual abuse of young people has been a concern of the B.S.A. and it continues to be so. A confidential file of adults associated with child abuse has been maintained at our National Office to guard against their involvement with Scouting.

Pending safeguards to be implemented ~~to~~ include:

1. Booklets published for adults and youth members providing instructions on how to identify and deal with a child abuser.
2. Special training on the subject for Scouting Professionals and adult volunteers.
3. Implementation of a two to a team rule (no adult alone with a Scout at any time).

4. Adult volunteer applications rewritten to include questions about applicants background that might help to spot a molester.

The number one objective of the B.S.A. is to make Scouting as uncomfortable as possible for the child molester.

S. Rankin

How can we help you and Troop 14?

1. Training - Glen Arnesdorf (new Scoutmaster)
2. Just by being here . . . let you know we are concerned.
3. Arrange group session on how the parents, Scouts and Scouters of Troop 14 deal with the situation.
4. Offer to assist you in providing psychological help to those who actually were sexually abused ——— personal thing/let me know.

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Question and answer session.

# Prosecution to file more charges

By Timothy Chanaud

of the Telegraph Herald

GALENA, Ill. — An East Dubuque man sexually abused at least four youths over a 20-year period, a prosecutor charged in Jo Daviess County Circuit Court Tuesday.

Gary Radloff, 39, sat quietly during the preliminary hearing but did testify briefly about where he has lived and the three jobs he held before his arrest last week.

Radloff is charged with one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. However, the prosecutor, State's Attorney Chris Moore, said more charges would be filed before Radloff's arraignment at 3 p.m. today.

Radloff was released from custody late Tuesday afternoon after posting 10 percent of the \$50,000 bond that Associate Circuit Court Judge Eric DeMar had refused to lower.

Radloff was being held in the Carroll County Jail in Mount Sterling, instead of the Jo Daviess County Jail, for "security reasons," Sheriff Steve Allendorf said this morning.

In court Tuesday, Moore questioned Jo Daviess Detective David Roling about the investigation that led to Radloff's arrest.

Roling said an East Dubuque man first contacted the East Dubuque Police Department when he found out Radloff was the only one to attend an organizational meeting for a Big Brothers-Big Sisters group. The man said he had been sexually abused by Radloff as a teenager and said his younger brother also claimed sexual abuse by Radloff in the early 1970s.

Roling said he discovered Radloff was scoutmaster of Troop 14 in East Dubuque and contacted the Northeast Iowa Boy Scouts Council for a list of the troop members.

Roling said he then began contacting parents and interviewed a 14-year-old East Dubuque boy.

The youth "said on several occasions he (Radloff) had made sexual advances to him," Roling said.

The 14-year-old said he and a 15-year-old had gone camping with Radloff in June 1986 and that Radloff took the boys' clothes off, masturbated them and performed oral sex on them, Roling said.

The detective said the 15-year-old later supported those charges.

"What we have heard here today is that we have proof of a 20-year-old pattern of abusing young boys," Moore told Judge DeMar.

DeMar turned down the defense's request that Radloff be released on his own recognizance, and ordered that Radloff not have contact with members of his former troop if he did post bond.

Roling had said Radloff apparently met with some of the Scouts in his troop after Radloff was suspended from his post last month.



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NORTHEAST IOWA COUNCIL NO. 178

Dubuque, Iowa 52001

11/18/87

Dear Paul -

Attached you'll find  
additions to my chrono-  
logical narrative pertaining  
to the G. Radloff case

Sincerely,

J. Rankin

with the possible exception  
of the names of [REDACTED]

Friday, November 13 at approximately 12:00 Noon ---  
Blair Arensdorf, Area Scoutmaster of Troop 14,  
came to the Scout Office requesting Program help. He  
was provided the Fast Start cassette and personalized  
one-on-one training was arranged through the  
district.

Monday, November 16 at approximately 9:45 AM ----  
Lynn Milroy, Committee Chairman called to  
finalize arrangements for Al Chidley, Norm Kivik and  
myself to meet with the Scouts, parents and  
committee of Troop 14. The meeting was confirmed  
and will take place at 6:00 P.M., Wednesday,  
November 18 at the Community Center. Lynn  
expressed concern that [REDACTED], a scout in  
the troop, may be a homosexual and could provide  
the same threat to members of the troop that  
Redliff did.

Monday, November 16 at approximately 10:15 AM ---  
Called Bob Mills to inform him of Lynn  
Milroy's concern about [REDACTED]. Bob  
said he would call National and get back to  
me with information on how to handle the  
situation.



Monday, November 16 at approximately 10:45 A.M. ---  
 I called our Council Attorney, Mike Loyce to make him aware of Lynn Milroy's concern about [REDACTED]. I informed Mike that Bob Mills was making contact with National and would be advising me on how to handle the situation..

Monday, November 16 at approximately 11:15 A.M. ---  
 I received a call from Glen Armsdorf who informed me that the wreath company the troop was dealing with to raise funds called. Apparently the order for the wreaths was not placed on time and the company would not accept the order. I agreed to contact the company in an attempt to have them reconsider. Glen agreed to get back to me with the name and phone number of the company.

Monday, November 16 at approximately 11:30 A.M. ---  
 Bob Mills called to inform me that he was not able to make contact with Paul Ernst. He instructed me to do nothing at this point with regard to [REDACTED]. He suggested that I find out on Wednesday if [REDACTED] holds a leadership position in the troop.

Friday, November 17, 1987  
Dubuque Telegraph Herald

## Sexual abuse charges made against ED man

GALENA, Ill. — An East Dubuque man appeared in court Thursday for an initial appearance on a charge of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Gary Radloff, 39, said nothing as Circuit Court Judge Harold D. Nagel explained the charge against him.

If convicted, Radloff faces three to seven years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

A preliminary hearing and a bond reduction hearing in the case have been set for Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Radloff is charged with committing an oral sex act on a youth between the ages of 13 and 15 sometime in June 1986. Court papers identify the youth involved by the youth's initials.

According to a bond-reduction motion filed by defense attorney Jeffery Tranel of Dubuque, Radloff has no prior criminal record and no history of mental illness.

In addition, Radloff was approached by Jo Daviess County deputies several months ago about the impending charge but did not flee, the motion says.

Radloff was scoutmaster of Troop 14 in East Dubuque for four years. He was suspended from that position Oct. 24 after authorities advised scout leaders of the investigation.

Jo Daviess County State's Attorney Chris Moore said any East Dubuque-area parents who are concerned their sons may have had some involvement with Radloff should call the county sheriff's department.



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Scout Executive

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Dubuque Telegraph Herald  
Thursday, November 12, 1987  
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## Scoutmaster charged with assault

GALENA, Ill. — An East Dubuque scoutmaster, who led more than a dozen Boy Scouts for four years, will appear in court today on a charge of aggravated criminal assault.

Gary Radloff, 39, was arrested Tuesday and faces six to 30 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted on the charge, which involves having sex with someone under 13.

Jo Daviess County Sheriff's officials have refused to release details on the charges.

Radloff, who is being held in the Jo Daviess County Jail on \$50,000 bond, is to appear in Circuit Court today for an initial hearing.

Radloff, who was a maintenance worker at the Esther Hillman House in East Dubuque, was suspended as a scoutmaster Oct. 24, according to Steve Rankin, executive director of the Northeast Iowa Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

"As soon as we were made aware of the investigation of Gary Radloff, we took immediate action," Rankin said. "We simply told him his position was suspended because of an investigation that might show he was not up to the scouting standards."

Rankin, who has headed the Northeast Iowa Scouts since last fall, said there does not appear to be any file on Radloff in his Dubuque office.

"There was nothing that I inherited here that would indicate there was any concern about Gary Radloff," he said.

Steven H. Rankin  
Scout Executive

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Paul

Enclosed is additional information as part of my chronological narrative pertaining to the Gary Radloff investigation and arrest.

You'll also find enclosed a copy of the newspaper article pertaining to Radloff's arrest.

Sincerely,  
Gene Rankin

## East Dubuque man arrested on sexual assault charge

GALENA, Ill. — An East Dubuque man was arrested Tuesday by Jo Davies County Sheriff's deputies on a warrant charging him with aggravated criminal sexual assault.

Sheriff's deputies said they arrested Gary L. Radloff, 39, on a charge stemming from an incident that occurred in rural East Dubuque. Deputies said the incident involved juveniles and refused to release any other details.

Radloff is being held in the Jo Davies County Jail in Galena on \$50,000 bond and deputies are still investigating.

that he is to immediately terminate all of his Scouting involvement. He said that he was under the impression that his suspension did not necessitate terminating his contact with the troop's Adult leaders. I informed him that it does if the contact pertains to Scouting business. He informed me that he understood and would comply with our demands.

Tuesday, November 10 at approximately 8:45 P.M. ---  
 I returned a phone call to Detective Berrington of the Toole County Sheriff Department. I was informed that Gary Radloff was arrested that afternoon and was incarcerated in the County jail with bail set at \$50,000. The charges against him were aggravated criminal sexual abuse and stemmed from the investigation that was being conducted by the Sheriff's Department. According to Detective Berrington, the victims were five Scouts who currently are registered in Troop 14. I also learned from Detective Berrington that Gary did not follow the conditions of his Boy Scout registration suspension and was in fact still spending time with some of the boys in the troop.

Tuesday, November 10 at approximately 9:00 P.M. ---



Tuesday, November 10 at approximately 9:10 P.M.  
 Shared the current situation with our Council President;  
 Norm Kirch. We agreed that I would  
 serve as the council spokesman to the media.  
 We also agreed on the course of action to be taken.  
 A statement for release to the media was developed,  
 reviewed and approved by Norm.

Attempted to contact Mike Lytle, our  
 Council Attorney. Mike was not in and  
 according to his wife would not be home until  
 late. I requested that she have Mike call  
 me the first thing in the morning.

On three different occasions, I attempted,  
 without success, to make contact with Frank Hills, National  
 P.R. Director to make him aware of the current  
 situation and to get his advice on how  
 to proceed.

Wednesday, November 11 at approximately 7:30 AM ---  
 made contact with Frank Hibbs and made  
 him aware of the situation. We agreed that  
 I would respond to the media as follows:

"Up until approximately three weeks ago  
 Gary Radloff was registered as a Scoutmaster.  
 It is our understanding that criminal charges  
 have been brought against him and the  
 matter is in the hands of the authorities.  
 Under the circumstances, any comments on  
 this matter by the council at this time  
 would be inappropriate. You may wish to  
 contact the To Davisess Sheriff Department  
 if you desire additional information"

Wednesday, November 11 at approximately 9:15 AM ---  
 Called Paul Ernst at the national office to  
 make him aware that Gary Radloff had  
 been arrested and charged with criminal aggravated  
 sexual abuse

Wednesday, November 11 at approximately 9:45 AM ---  
 Received a call from our Council Attorney,  
 Mike Doyle. I informed Mike of the  
 circumstances surrounding Radloff's arrest  
 -- also showed the proposed news statement  
 with Mike of which he approved.

Wednesday, November 11 at approximately 2:30 P.M. --- returned a phone call to [REDACTED] but was not able to make contact. I left my name and phone number on his recording machine. According to Dee Heim, our office secretary, [REDACTED] called to complain that approximately three years <sup>ago</sup> ~~ago~~ he ~~ago~~ called the scout office informing management of an incident which would indicate that Radloff should not be involved with young boys. She said she thought ~~and~~ Eric Branson was the District Executive and A. Lee Taylor, the Scout Executive at the time.

Wednesday, November 11 at approximately 3:00 P.M. contacted Eric Branson regarding his recollection of [REDACTED] visit and accusation. Eric informed me that he turned the situation over to his Scout Executive, Lee Taylor. He did say however, that he didn't feel [REDACTED] had any basis for his accusation. Apparently [REDACTED] as a youth, encounter Gary Radloff, as a youth, and another boy in a potentially incriminating environment or position. Eric also said that Lee Taylor felt that someone was out to get Gary Radloff and that there was no proof or evidence to deny Radloff membership. I've not been able to find any written reference in the council files pertaining to [REDACTED] accusation.



Wednesday, November 11 at approximately 4:30 PM ---  
 returned a phone call to Mr Engle, a reporter  
 for the "Dubuque Telegraph Herald" newspaper.

I basically delivered the prepared statement  
 to him. Engle informed me that the telegraph  
 Herald received an anonymous call this afternoon  
 telling them that the council was warned about  
 Gary Radloff approximately three years ago. I  
 believe the anonymous call was from [REDACTED].  
 I inform Mr Engle that I was not here

three years ago and was not aware of  
 the details related to a warning about  
 Gary Radloff. I told Mr Engle that our  
 major concern is the safety and welfare of  
 all our Scouts and that immediate action  
 was taken once I was made aware of  
 the accusation made against Gary Radloff.

Wednesday, November 11 at approximately  
 5:00 PM. -- called Area Director, Bob Mills  
 to make him aware of the new developments  
 specifically the contact made by [REDACTED] and  
 my conversation with Mr Engle

Thursday, November 12 at approximately 9:15 A.M. ---  
 Received a call from Bob Mills, Area Director.  
 Bob suggested that I make arrangements to  
 meet with the parents and Scouts of Troop  
 14 to provide whatever support we can. Bob  
 informed me of financial support~~ed~~ provided by  
 the National Council for professional counseling  
 to young people who have been sexually abused.

Thursday, November 12 at approximately 9:30 A.M. ---  
 Tim Chanand of the Telegraph Herald called  
 to clarify the media statement I made to  
 Mr. Engle of the T.H. the previous day.

Thursday, November 12 at approximately <sup>9:35</sup>~~9:30~~ A.M. ---  
 I informed our Council Attorney of new  
 developments, specifically the contact made by [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] and my conversations with reporters from  
 the Telegraph Herald. Mike agreed that it  
 would be a good idea for the council president  
 and I to meet with the Scouts and parents of  
 Troop 14. Al Chidley or Bill Stoffle <sup>would</sup> ~~would~~ be recommended as ~~the~~  
 backup if Norm Kirch can not attend the Troop 14 meeting.

Thursday, November 12 at approximately 10:15 A.M. ---  
 Called Lynn Milroy, Troop 14 Committee Chairman  
 to request her assistance in helping me arrange  
 a meeting with the committee, Scouts and parents  
 of Troop 14. The date of this meeting was set for Wed, Nov 18 at 7:00


Tuesday, November 12 at approximately 12:25 P.M. ---  
 Along with District Executive, Merlin Schukie, I  
 interviewed [REDACTED] with regard to his  
 concern made to the council about Radloff approx-  
 imately three years ago. [REDACTED] related the  
 following incidents to us:

1. [REDACTED] cousin used to be best friends  
 with Radloff. The friendship abruptly  
 ended because of advances made to [REDACTED] cousin  
 at the time, both boys were in high school
2. Gary Radloff (as an adult) volunteered to  
 lend [REDACTED] his boat. [REDACTED] went to  
 Gary's home (lives with his parents) and was  
 directed to Gary's room. [REDACTED] knocked on  
 the door and heard alot of commotion inside.  
 After a few moments a boy [REDACTED]  
 came to the door in his underwear [REDACTED]  
 said the room was dark but that he could see  
 Radloff in bed under the covers.
3. [REDACTED] gave me the following  
 three names whom he said would provide  
 concrete evidence against Radloff:

[REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] all this information was  
 given to the council for investigation purposes

with the possible exception  
of the names of [REDACTED]



this morning (7:00a.m.) to report that one Gary Radloff has been arrested on five counts of aggravated sexual abuse and is being held on \$50,000 bond.

Radloff, was removed as Scoutmaster of Troop 14, operated by the Lions Club of East Dubuque, after the council was alerted to the allegations of homosexual involvement with a 14-year-old ex Scout.

cc: R. Morinville

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David Pary

cc: J. Anglin  
T. Accas  
P. Ernst

WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL # 179

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: STEVE RANKIN

POSITION: S.E.

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLORING \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING \_\_\_\_\_

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GARY RADLOFF S.M.

SEXUAL ABUSE - NOW ARRESTED

5 SCOUTS INVOLVED

WILL SEND MORE INFO

NAME PCAT

DATE 11-11-87

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

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# NEWS ADVISORY

CLARK

Date: November 11, 1987

Signed: Frank Hebb  
Frank Hebb

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Ext: 2212

SOURCE: Steve Rankin, Scout Executive  
Northeast Iowa Council  
Dubuque, Iowa

## THE FACTS:

Steve Rankin, Scout Executive, Northeast Iowa Council, Dubuque, Iowa, called this morning (7:00a.m.) to report that one Gary Radloff has been arrested on five counts of aggravated sexual abuse and is being held on \$50,000 bond.

Radloff, was removed as Scoutmaster of Troop 14, operated by the Lions Club of East Dubuque, after the council was alerted to the allegations of homosexual involvement with a 14-year-old ex Scout.

## ACTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Scout executive Rankin has prepared a media statement in case of inquiries.



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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
NORTHEAST IOWA COUNCIL NO. 178  
[REDACTED]

Dear Paul,

Enclosed are additions to the  
Chronological narrative pertaining to  
Gary L. Radloff's registration  
suspension.

Sincerely,

Steven H. Rankin  
Scout Executive

Enc.

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Monday, October 26, at 2:15 P.M. --- Bob Mills called inquiring about the meeting we had with Detective Berning.

Monday, October 26 at approximately 5:15 P.M. --- Norm Kirch and I delivered formal <sup>(written)</sup> notification to Gary of his registration suspension.

Monday, October 26 at approximately 6:15 P.M. --- Norm Kirch and I met with Bernie Murray, Troop 14's Institutional Head for the purpose of informing the lions of Gary Radloff's membership suspension. It was suggested that Mr. Murray make arrangements through the troop committee for troop meetings to continue using leadership other than Gary Radloff.

Monday, November 2 at 3:15 P.M. ---

County During the process of putting together the confidential record sheet, I called the To Davis County Sheriff's Department to request details called for on the confidential record sheet. While talking with Detective Trost, I learned that Radloff was approached in August regarding the accusations against him. At that time, he refused to take a polygraph test which was offered to him in an attempt to determine his innocence.

Tuesday, November 4 at approximately 4:15 P.m. ---  
Lynn Milroy, Troop 14 Committee Chairman called  
to inform me that Detective Berning met  
with her and provided her with more details  
regarding the Radloff investigation. Berning  
also told her that the Sheriff's department  
would begin interviewing Scouts from Troop 14  
in the near future.

Lynn told me that Gary Radloff was maintain-  
ing contact with adult members of the troop  
committee specifically with regard to their  
current Fund raiser and orientation and training  
of the troop's newly recruited Scoutmaster.  
Lynn also informed me that Gary showed  
resistance to having the troop checking  
account transferred from his name to hers.

Tuesday, November 4 at approximately 5:30 P.m. ---  
I made contact with Council President, Norm  
Kirch, and provided him an up-date of  
the situation. We agreed that I would call  
Gary for the purpose of reaffirming our  
position that he immediately terminate all  
of his Scouting involvement.

Tuesday, November 4 at approximately 9:30 P.m. ---  
After three previous attempts, I made contact  
with Gary Radloff and again informed him

that he is to immediately terminate  
all of his Scouting involvement. He said  
that he was under the impression that  
his suspension did not necessitate terminating  
his contact with the troop's Adult leaders.

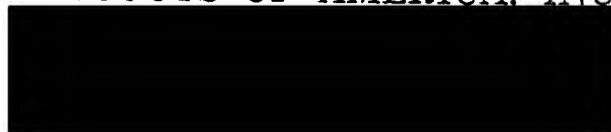
I informed him that it does if the contact  
pertains to Scouting business. He informed  
me that he understood and would comply  
with our demands.



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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.



November 2, 1987

National Council, B.S.A.  
c/o Mr. Paul Ernst/Registration Service  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, TX 75038-3096

Dear Paul,

Enclosed you will find the following documentation regarding Gary L. Radloff's registration suspension:

- Confidential Record Sheet
- Chronological Narrative
- Suspension letter to Gary L. Radloff.

If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Steven H. Rankin  
Scout Executive

Enc.

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## Chronological Narrative

Prepared by Steve Rankin, Scout Executive. Contents pertain to Alleged homosexual activity of Gary L. Radloff

At council temporary site - - - Osborne Conservation Center

Friday, October 23 at approximately 7:00 P.M. --- Informed by District Executive, Merlin Gehrke that Detective James Berning from the Jo Daviess County Sheriff Department was at the Scout Service Center at approximately 11:00 A.M. <sup>(Friday)</sup> requesting our cooperation with an investigation of Gary L. Radloff. Gary is Scoutmaster of troop 14 chartered to the Lions Club in East Dubuque, Illinois. Merlin informed me that, as a result of his meeting with Berning, he learned that a former Scout of Radloff has ~~accused~~ <sup>accused</sup> him (Radloff) of having homosexual activity with him (the former Scout). Merlin also informed me that previously, an anonymous phone call was made to the Jo Daviess Sheriff Department informing them that Radloff was attempting to be a Big Brother and that he should be denied membership because he is a homosexual.

At the conclusion of my conversation with Merlin, I immediately checked to see if Radloff was at the Camporee with his troop. He nor his troop were at the camporee.

At approximately 7:30 P.M., Friday - October 23, I met with Council President, Norm Kirch to inform him of

my conversation with Merlin and <sup>to</sup> plan our course of action which basically was contacting Area Director, Bob Mills for advice and direction. At approximately 8:00 P.M., Norm and I met with Al Chidley, Dubuque District Chairman to inform him of the situation and our planned course of action.

Saturday, October 24 at approximately 8:30 A.M. ---  
checked with Camporee registration to determine if Radloff or his troop checked in for participation in the camporee. I found that he and 14 Scouts arrived in the morning and were registered.

Saturday, ~~Oct~~ October 24 at approximately 9:30 A.M. ---  
Informed Council President, Norm Kirch of Radloff's arrival with troop 14. Told Norm that I was heading to Elk River to make a call to Bob Mills, Area Director for the purpose of determining the proper course of action.

Saturday, October 24 at approximately 10:00 A.M. ---  
called Bob Mills to inform him of the situation.  
Received detailed instructions from Bob on how to proceed.

Saturday, October 24 at approximately 11:00 A.M. ---  
Informed Norm Kirch of my conversation with Bob Mills and our determined course of action. At this

time I constructed a copy of the speech Norm eventually read to Gary Radloff informing him of the ~~suspension~~<sup>suspension</sup> of his B.S.A. registration.

Saturday, October 24 at approximately 11:30 A.M. ---  
Norm Kirch and I met with Al Chidley to share with him the copy of the registration suspension speech and to include him in our meeting with Gary Radloff. At this time I decided to double check with Merlin Gehrke to make sure I had the details of the conversation he had with detective James Berning correct in my mind.

Saturday, October 24 at approximately 11:45 A.M. ---  
Norm, Al and I met Merlin to confirm details. Merlin showed us detective Berning's business card. Because it didn't look real professional I decided to call the To Daviess Sheriff Department to determine if detective James Berning was in fact conducting an official police investigation. Norm, Al and myself agreed that this check should be made prior to confronting Radloff.

Saturday, October 24 at approximately 12:15 P.M. ---  
Norm Kirch and I called the To Daviess Sheriff Department from the Clayton County Sheriff Department in Elkhart. It was determined that the

investigation was official

Saturday, October 24 at approximately 1:15 P.M. ---

Al Chidley, Norm Kirch And I approached Gary Radloff. Norm Kirch read him The Following:

Gary, You are not going to understand this but ---- we have been informed of circumstances which lead us to believe that you may not be living up to the standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Because of this we find it necessary to immediately suspend your registration which means you must immediately terminate your scouting activities. We will be investigating the circumstances and if they are determined to be unfounded, we will immediately reinstate your registration. You will receive additional written communication delivered to you personally on Monday.

Immediately after Gary was made aware of his registration suspension, Merlin Gehrke was assigned responsibility for the troop. Merlin escorted Radloff to the troop camp site to pick up his personal gear and to secure information on arrangements for getting the Scouts home on Sunday. Merlin was assisted with troop responsibility by Max Elliott,



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Dellaykee District Para professional

Sunday, October 25 at approximately 1:30 P.m. ---  
attempted to contact Mike Coyle, legal counsel.  
There was nobody home to answer his phone.

- at approximately 3:30 P.m. I  
attempted to contact Mike for a second time but  
was not successful

- at approximately 7:30 A.m. I  
made contact with Mike Coyle and provided him  
with an up to date report of the situation

Monday, October 26 at approximately 9:00 A.m. ---  
consulted with Bob Mills over the phone. Received  
contents from Bob of formal letter to be personally  
delivered to Gary Radloff.

Monday, October 26 at approximately 10:00 A.m. ----  
Norm Kirch and I met with Detective Berning for  
the purpose of securing additional information  
and cooperating with requests made of us for  
use in assisting them with their investigation;  
no new information was learned as a result of  
this meeting. Troop 14's charter papers for  
the last four years were provided Detective Berning.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.



October 26, 1987

Mr. Gary L. Radloff  
[Redacted]  
East Dubuque, IL 61025

Dear Gary,

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you have with the Boy Scouts of America. The refund of your registration is enclosed.

You should understand that B.S.A. membership registration is a privilege and not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the Boy Scouts of America seeks to provide for American Youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a B.S.A. member should be reinstated.

Sincerely,

*Norman W. Kirch*  
Norman W. Kirch  
Council President

Enc.

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WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL # 178

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: BOB MILLS

POSITION: REC - N.C.

TYPE OF PROBLEM

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GARY D. RADLOFF

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LIONS CLUB OF E. DUNQUE

HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH SCOUT

NO ABUSE AS 103107

S.E. & PRO CASE LTR OF 10-25-87

To IND.

Added to CF file  
from W  
filed in  
103107

NAME

Radloff

DATE

11-2-87

TIME

9:45 AM

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Gary L. Radloff.  
CO 178 - SC014 ID# 002747



# NEWS ADVISORY

Date: November 2, 1987

Signed:

Barclay M. Bolas  
Barclay Bolas

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Source: Steve Rankin, SE  
Northeast Iowa Council  
Friday, October 30 - 7:00 p.m.

Address:

## THE FACTS:

Gary Radloff, Scoutmaster, Troop 14, operated by the Lions Club of East Dubuque, was removed from his BSA position on Saturday October 24 following allegations of homosexual involvement with a 14-year-old ex-Scout. There are no police charges and no arrests.

According to Rankin the council was alerted to the allegations by a detective who came to the council camp during a camporee. Radloff was confronted with the allegations shortly thereafter when he arrived at the camporee with his troop. The matter came to police attention during an investigation of two apparently gay-related homicides (one of an adult, another of a youth) in the Dubuque area; although there is nothing at this time that related Radloff to the homicides. Police will give the 14-year-old a polygraph test.

## ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

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## PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Chief Scout Executive	S400	Deputy Chief Scout Executive	S400
Administrative Assistant to CSE	S400	Legal Counsel	S400
National Director of Administration	S400	National Director of Personnel	S422
Natl. Dir. of Marketing/Relationships	S225	Director of Marketing	S312
Natl. Dir. of Program Group	S207	<del>Director of Registration</del>	<del>S108</del>
Director of Public Relations	S313	Director of Health & Safety	S219
Treasury Division Director	S403	Regional Director	
Insurance and Risk Management		Public Relations Chairman	
Director	S402		
Assistant Director	S402		